



# Gillespie Field Development Council



**A Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of El Cajon and County of San Diego**  
*Airport Administration Building ♦ 1960 Joe Crosson Drive ♦ El Cajon, California 92020-1236 ♦ (619) 956-4800*

Barry Bardack                      Phyllis Trombi  
*Chairman                      Vice Chairwoman*

Bob Davison                      Jeff Swiney                      Cliff Leary  
*Councilman                      Councilman                      Councilman*

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2012**  
**DRAFT – SUBJECT TO GFDC**  
**APPROVAL January 15, 2013**

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>STAFF PRESENT</u></b>
Barry Bardack	Peter Drinkwater
Bob Davison	Marc Baskel
Cliff Leary	John Otto
Jeff Swiney	Anne Baldwin
Phyllis Trombi	Jiri Rutner

For others present, sign-in sheet is available in the Administration Building office.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Chairman Bardack called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. All members were present.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Barry Bardack made a motion that the minutes of September 18, 2012 be approved. Mr. Jeff Swiney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No public speaker comment slips were presented at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Bardack received two speaker slips during the course of the meeting, made an exception and allowed the speaker who arrived late to comment.

Ms. Betty Chavetz, citizen, spoke on behalf of ASAP and requested information on the location of the lead monitors placed on Gillespie Field, and the types of fuel sold on Gillespie Field. She also expressed her concern about a large jet she believed was coming in to Gillespie Field.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Bardack mentioned that Gillespie Field operates completely self sufficient and does not use any public taxes. He stated that the airport generates revenue that covers the cost of its operation and maintenance.

He also stated the Federal grant funding is money that has already been approved by Congress and that the FAA has already budgeted for Airport use. This grant money is only for the use of capital improvements of the infrastructure and actual development of the Airport is attributed to private investment.

Mr. Bardack mentioned the Quail Brush Power Plant and stated that more information is needed before a decision is made to support or go against its construction.

Mr. Bardack discussed the new GPS and LPV approach and the difficulties of programming the units. He stated that the manufacturers are incapable of doing it. He requested that County Airports contact the FAA regarding the difficulties. Peter Drinkwater requested that a draft be submitted to Airports outlining the questions that need to be addressed to the FAA.

#### 5. AIRPORT DIRECTOR UPDATE

Mr. Drinkwater discussed a visit with the FAA regarding the Gillespie Field access road project grant funding and explained what needs to be done in order to proceed on schedule with the project. Mr. Baskel and Mr. Drinkwater explained the reasons for building the access road. Mr. Drinkwater anticipates the AEF will be used in order to pay for part of the funding and will later be reimbursed by FAA grant money. Mr. Drinkwater answered several questions regarding FAA funding from the Council. Mr. Bardack and Council agreed to support Airports in use of AEF to bridge fund the project at the request of Mr. Drinkwater.

Mr. Drinkwater mentioned a planning grant that East County Economic Development Council (ECEDC) was interested in applying for. He said that it would be beneficial to have someone from ECEDC come and give a presentation at a future GFDC meeting.

He also stated that Air Group One expressed interest in putting some modular buildings that are in the process of being acquired, on Airport property. These buildings would be used to establish the A-STEM program. He went on to express his appreciation and explain the value of the A-STEM program. Mr. Bardack went on to express the importance of supporting the program for the sake of aviation.

#### 6. REAL PROPERTY UPDATE

Anne Baldwin, Sr. Real Property Agent, presented an update regarding the Request for Proposal process for Marshall Avenue. She reported that a workshop was held in order to better explain the process and answer any questions anyone may have had.

She provided an update on the Cajon Air Center Environmental Assessment. Comments presented during the review period will be added to the Environmental Assessment document itself. She answered questions from the Council regarding the process.

Mr. Drinkwater mentioned that a tour was recently held for City of El Cajon staff, a School Board representative and EDED staff that explained Gillespie Field operations, its capabilities and its value to the City of El Cajon as an economic engine.

#### 7. AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Baskel gave the Good Neighbor Report: there were 14,635 operations in September which was down approximately 3% from 2011 and there were 14,873 operations in October which was down approximately 16% since 2011. From January through October 2012 we are showing a 14% decrease in operations compared to the same time period in 2011. There were a total of 8 noise complaints in September and October.

Mr. Baskel reported that future potential Air Traffic Control Tower sites have been submitted to FAA in order for them to make a determination as to where to place the tower.

He gave an update on the flight school ordinance regarding foreign flight student training. Phyllis Trombi stated that she was against using AEF to pay for the implementation of the ordinance. Barry Bardack mirrored Ms. Trombi's feelings on the issue. The Council discussed their concerns with the ordinance.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COUNCIL FOR ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING A FUTURE GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Ms. Trombi requested an update on the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) report regarding the Cajon Air Center Environmental Assessment and an update on the foreign flight student training ordinance.

Cliff Leary requested an update on the new sign for the west end of Gillespie Field and requested that the two signs selected at a prior meeting be shown to a broader audience in the near future and stated that he would like to see this move forward.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Leary and Mr. Bardack expressed their appreciation to members of the local pilot group that were present at the meeting.

11. ADJOURN

Mr. Bardack adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m. The next meeting of the Gillespie Field Development Council will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, January 15, 2013 in City Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Jiri Rutner, Administrative Analyst